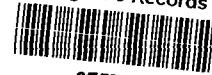




Second Saugatuck Harbor Meeting

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Folks, Let me apologize for not getting back to sooner. It was not my intention to let this much time elapse before getting back to you. I'm sure you all agree that the discussions that took place in saugatuck on April 19th brought up some critical issues affecting the harbor. With the variety of interests that were represented at the table perhaps we move toward some concrete results.

As a result I'd like to schedule another meeting. The following are some items I'd like to include in our agenda.:

1. Carl Platz from US Army Corps of Engineers has requested some time to discuss a Harbor research assessment initiative that is relevant to our efforts..
2. If their schedule permits I'd like to invite the Planning and Zoning Institute to update us on relevant parts of their Master planning effort.
3. Invite the MEDC to talk about a sustainable Marina industry in the context of ongoing job creation/job retention efforts. If Sen. Birkholz is so inclined perhaps she can make this invitation on our behalf.

Please consider the following afternoons for a possible meeting in Saugatuck.

6/2, 6/3,
6/14, 6/15, 6/18,
6/21, 6/22, 6/23 6/25,
7/5, 7/6, 7/7, 7/8 7/9

I've attached for you a synopsis of the April meeting put together by Larry Johnson **AND** a roster of those who attended. There are some EMAILS and addresses lacking if you can fill in the blanks that is appreciated.

SAUGATUCK HARBOR MEETING

APRIL 19th Carol Gables Restaurant

- 2:00PM Welcome and Introductory remarks
Why are we convening this meeting?
Chuck Pistis- District Sea Grant Extension Agent
- 2:15PM Introduction of participants
Overview of agency roles and responsibilities with regard to boating and marinas
- 2:45PM Boating Industry Overview Presentation
Key Issues
The Economics of Boating Implications for Coastal Community Development
Insuring Great Lakes Access for Recreational Boaters
The Roles of Public and Private Sectors in Providing Access
Future Trends and Challenges Confronting Recreational Boating

Dr Ed Mahoney Michigan State University
- 3:30PM Discussion
Moving Toward Sustainable Boating
Ensuring Future Boating Access Without Compromising the Environment.
Where Do We Go From Here?
- 4:00 Adjourn

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Saugatuck Harbor Meeting
April 19, 2004
Coral Gables Restaurant

There were 27 agency representatives & local residents attending. Three MSU Extension staff were also participants.

After Ed Mahoney's presentation on the implications for the future of Recreational Boating a dialogue brought out these specific thoughts about what could be done for Saugatuck harbor.

1. Find a deposit site of PCB deposits
2. Clean the Kalamazoo river from New Richmond to Lake Michigan even if we have to do it again with in the next twenty years because of upriver cleanup.
3. Make sure the Tri-community team that is working on a combined master plan includes planning for the successful future of recreational boating in Saugatuck harbor.
4. Let's get the studies needed in place to make the best informed decisions for Saugatuck Harbor
5. Find the money to clean up the river and up date recreational boating support facilities. \$25,000 from Core of Engineers for reconstituting the river.

Consensus for a follow up meeting.